

Melvin Wilbur Ellis

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an editorial writer on the *Washington Post*, then did similar work in New York with success and in due time was called to the *London Times*.

Finding his newspaper work somewhat transient in character he turned to his early love of economics and the sciences, to which he devoted the chief part of the remainder of his life. He became president of the American Statistical association and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Among his many books were "New Conceptions in Science," published about 1904, "The New World Machine," "American Railways as Investments," "Business Cycles and Business Measurements" and "Capitalism and the Creator," "The Economic Foundations of Modern Industrial Society;" also many papers in journals on economics and banking. On account of failing health he removed to California about three years ago.

MELVIN WILBUR ELLIS, banker and public official, died at Des Moines, Iowa, March 16, 1946; born at Charles City, Iowa, July 14, 1881, the son of the late C. D. Ellis; graduated from the Charles City high school in 1898, and from Phillips Exeter academy in 1901; commenced banking career with A. G. Case & Co. at Nashua, Iowa, in 1898; married Mina Welleser, Nashua, on September 15, 1902, who passed away in 1945; joined with his father and uncle, the late A. E. Ellis, in organizing the Security Trust & Savings bank at Charles City July 14, 1903, becoming assistant cashier, later succeeding to other official positions in the Ellis banks until 1929 when the Ellis interests consolidated the Charles City banks as the First Security Bank and Trust company, of which he became the president. Likewise the widespread important business and manufacturing interests built up by the Ellis family in the community came under his management following the passing of his father and uncle; was active in Iowa banking circles and the state bankers association of which he was president in 1935-36; in addition to local connections was at one time a director of the Wabash Railway company; appointed superintendent of Iowa Banking department June 14, 1941 and re-appointed July 1, 1945; a Republican, a member of the Congregational church and various civic and fraternal organizations in which he was active; survived by two sons, Harlan Montgomery Ellis, West Hartford, Conn., and Raymond Walleser Ellis, Boston, recently discharged as a lieutenant in the U. S. navy.

JOHN W. KINTZINGER, attorney and jurist, died at his home in Dubuque, Iowa, April 3, 1946; born in Dubuque, August 12, 1870, the son of the late John and Barbara Kintzinger; graduated

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